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4-H Family News

St. Clair County

November 2026

From Colleen's Desk

Dear St. Clair County 4-H Families,

It is hard to believe that I have already been in this role for six months! These past six months have been filled with so much joy, learning, and pride as I have gotten to know the incredible 4-H family we have here in St. Clair County even better. Every day, I am reminded of the dedication, passion, and heart that our members, volunteers, families, and supporters bring to this program.

October seemed to fly by in the blink of an eye! One of the highlights of the month was our St. Clair County 4-H Open House, which was our biggest and most successful one yet. With more than 270 attendees, the event exceeded all expectations and showcased the amazing opportunities that 4-H has to offer. I cannot thank our clubs, members and volunteers enough for spending the day with us during the St. Clair County Farm Museum's Pumpkin Festival. Your enthusiasm, creativity, and willingness to share your 4-H experiences with the community helped make the event a tremendous success.

My cup is truly full after seeing so many people come together to support and celebrate 4-H. The impact you have on youth in our county is remarkable, and I am grateful to be part of such a caring and welcoming community.

As we move into the holiday season, I wish each of you happiness, good health, and safe travels. I also hope to see many of your smiling faces at our Craft-A-Palooza event in December. It is sure to be a fun-filled day of creativity, laughter, and holiday cheer!

I am also looking forward to celebrating our incredible volunteers at the upcoming Volunteer Recognition Banquet. Our volunteers are the heart of St. Clair County 4-H, and I cannot wait to recognize the countless hours, talents, and dedication they give to helping our youth thrive.

Thank you for all you do to make St. Clair County 4-H such a special place. I am excited to see what the coming months bring and look forward to continuing this journey with all of you.

Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Colleen Provost

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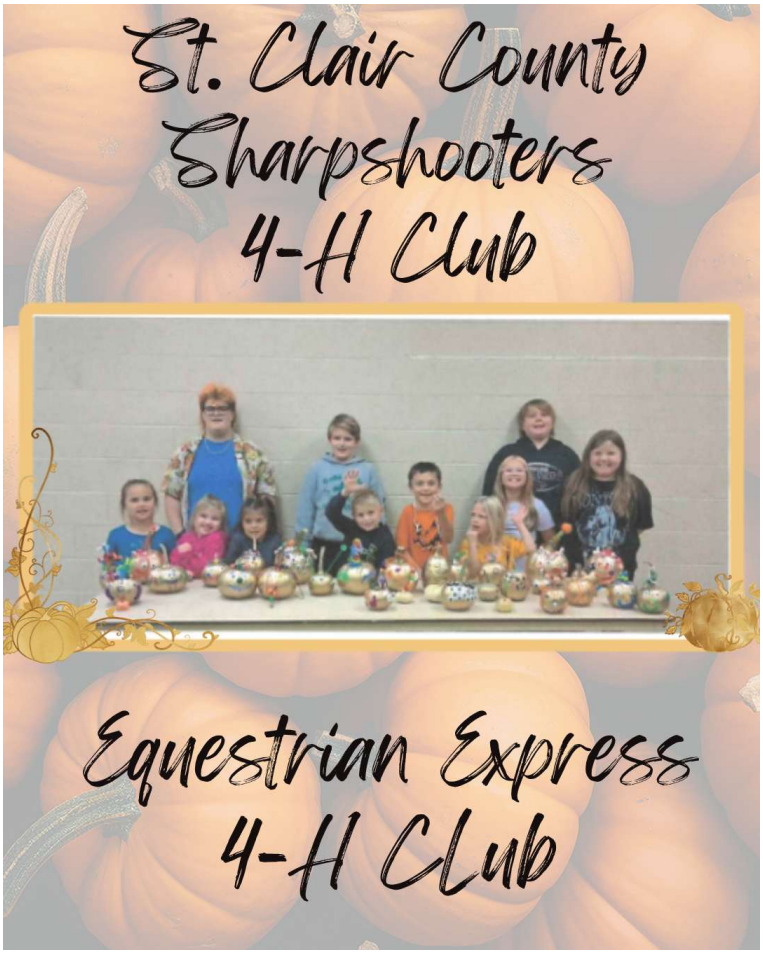

A Big St. Clair County 4-H Shout-Out!

Let's hear it for the St. Clair County Sharpshooters 4-H Club and Equestrian Express 4-H Club! These two awesome clubs teamed up to make a difference for children battling pediatric cancer. After learning about the Gold Pumpkins for the Cure Campaign, our 4-H members got creative decorating gold pumpkins to support the cause. Even better, for every gold pumpkin decorated, the Little Hero Foundation donates $1 toward pediatric cancer research and awareness!

The meeting was filled with creativity, kindness, and big hearts. Our youth loved expressing themselves through their pumpkin designs while knowing they were helping make a positive impact for other kids. Be sure to stop by the MSU Extension Office and check out their amazing gold pumpkin display on the front counter throughout November!

Way to go, Sharp Shooters and Equestrian Express! Thank you for showing what 4-H is all about: learning, leading, and giving back to your community.

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St. Clair County 4-H Welcomes the following new Gold Volunteers to the Team

John Jones II – Equestrian Express

Kate Schember – Rimrock Acres

Welcome to the Team!

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St. Clair County Events

November

November 2 – Horse Winter Projects 6:30pm, Goodells County Park

November 4 – 4-H Volunteers at Capac Elementary Science Night

November 6 – Leader's (Volunteer) Appreciation Banquet

November 9 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm, Goodells County Park

November 10 – Workshop Committees 6:30pm, MSU Extension Office

November 16 – SCC 4-H Council Meeting 7pm, Dodge Auditorium, County Building in Port Huron

November 19 – Horse Leaders and Teen Leaders Meeting 7pm, Goodells County Park

November 26 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING

November 26-27: MSU Extension Office CLOSED

December

December 1 – Last day to register for Craft A Palooza

December 1 – Shooting Sports Re-Certification DUE to Colleen; provos28@msu.edu

December 7 – Horse Winter Projects 6:30pm, Goodells County Park

December 8 – Craft A Palooza 5pm-7pm, Goodells County Park (Pre-registration required)

December 14 – Fair Board Meeting 7pm, Goodells County Park

December 24 – January 01: MSU Extension Office CLOSED





More information about 4-H events can be found online:

- St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page: https://m.facebook.com/4Hstclaircounty
- https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events
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4-H Horse Winter Projects

Whether you've been riding for years or simply think horses are amazing but haven't had the chance to gain experience yet, we'd love to have you join us for fun, hands-on equine education! All 4-H members are welcome, including CloverBuds.

Horse Judging and Hippology are designed to help participants prepare for competitions, but competing is completely optional. You're welcome to come just to learn, build new skills, and have fun! Our Winter Projects focus on making learning enjoyable while exploring all things equine.

Not registered for 4-H yet? No problem! Contact us, and we'll help you get signed up—for free. Additional local meetings and clinics may be added throughout the season. Be sure to send your name, club, and email address to Lucy, Olivia, or Marianne so you'll receive the latest updates and meeting links. If bad weather occurs, in-person meetings may be canceled or moved to Zoom.

Meetings are held in the Community Center at Goodells County Park on the first Monday of each month from October through April. Winter Projects and Horse Judging begin at 6:30 p.m., and Hippology starts at 7:30 p.m.

LUCY BROWN (HORSE JUDGING) - LAMCKIER@YAHOO.COM OR 586-855-3215
STEPHANIE SHEPPERSON - STEPHANIESHEPPERSON@HOTMAIL.COM OR 810-941-0090
COURTNEY BARRETT - COURTBARRETT919@GMAIL.COM OR 810-841-5811
MARIANNE MOSKAL (WINTER PROJECTS) - 810-305-9834

Dates

10/05/2026
11/02/2026
12/07/2026
01/04/2027
02/01/2027
03/01/2027
04/05/2027

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ST. CLAIR COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL Auction

SAVE THE DATE

Support St. Clair County 4-H Youth!

- This annual auction helps support local St. Clair County 4-H youth projects and scholarships.
- 10% of the auction proceeds goes directly back to the 4-H club that solicited the donated items or services from local businesses and merchants.
- Come out, place your bids, and support local 4-H while enjoying a fun community auction event!

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2027
Auctions starts at 10am and ends when all items are sold

Goodells County Park
Communtiy Building located on South side of park.

FREE Admission
Concessions available for purchase.



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STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign

From Nov. 27 – Dec. 13, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a $1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at www.TractorSupply.com. Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more, visit www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h.

You can also support 4-H by purchasing three special commemorative 4-H holiday ornaments (a beef cow, lamb and dog), now in TSC stores! Proceeds from the sale of ornaments support 4-H.

Michigan 4-H Foundation launches Beyond Ready Campaign to prepare youth for the future



At the Michigan 4-H Legacy Awards Celebration on Saturday, October 3, the Michigan 4-H Foundation announced the public launch of the Michigan 4-H Beyond Ready Campaign, a bold fundraising initiative with a goal of raising $12 million by 2032 to help prepare Michigan youth for the future.

"Today's youth face a rapidly changing world that requires resilience, adaptability and confidence," said Mary Draves, co-chair of the Michigan 4-H Foundation's Beyond Ready Campaign Committee. "Michigan 4-H is uniquely equipped to support youth in developing these critical skills and more. The Beyond Ready Campaign will provide long-term, stable funding that allows Michigan 4-H to continue offering opportunities and experiences that prepare young people to face challenges and thrive, no matter what the future may bring."

Research consistently demonstrates the positive impact of 4-H participation. Young people involved in 4-H are more likely to develop leadership skills, contribute to their communities and gain confidence in their ability to succeed. The Michigan 4-H Beyond Ready campaign will help ensure future generations of Michigan youth can experience these same benefits by investing in the programs, people and possibilities that bring 4-H to life.

The campaign focuses on five priority areas: **4-H educational opportunities and skills development**; **Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens**; **health, well-being and belonging; emerging needs**; and **endowment investments**, including **county endowments** for localized impact. The campaign also includes a **planned giving goal of securing 40 planned gifts by 2032**, helping to create a lasting legacy of support for Michigan 4- H.

"Today's young people will soon lead our communities, workforce and future," said Joe Hune, Michigan 4-H Foundation trustee and co-chair of the Beyond Ready Campaign Committee. "This campaign will ensure Michigan 4-H can continue to provide life-changing experiences, deliver innovative programs, support diverse learning needs, and help youth from all communities across Michigan become Beyond Ready for future success through 4-H."

The Oct. 3 public launch builds on strong momentum from the campaign's leadership phase. Already $7.3 million, nearly 62% of the $12 million goal, has been raised through more than 5,200 gifts from nearly 2,200 donors. Michigan 4-H alumni, volunteers, families, partners and friends are invited to join the effort to help build a generation that is Beyond Ready through Michigan 4-H.

Every gift to the Beyond Ready Campaign is an investment in Michigan youth and their future. There are many ways to participate, including one-time gifts, multi-year commitments, IRA gifts and qualified charitable distributions (QCDs), gifts of stock, planned/estate gifts, or donations of property, grain or other assets. Together, these investments will help expand opportunities, build confidence, spark curiosity and prepare more Michigan youth to be beyond ready for life, leadership and success.

To learn more about the campaign or make a gift to invest in the future of Michigan 4-H, visit www.mi4hfdtn.org/beyondready.

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Preparing youth to be Beyond Ready: Developing a growth mindset through 4-H

Beyond Ready

Learning often comes through challenges, mistakes and trying something new. 4-H helps youth develop a growth mindset by encouraging them to persevere, reflect and continue improving their skills over time.

Volunteers can reinforce this by celebrating effort, encouraging problem solving, and helping youth view setbacks as opportunities to learn. When young people learn that success comes from persistence and practice, they gain confidence to tackle future challenges. These experiences help youth become more resilient and better prepared for life beyond 4-H.

#BeyondReady

November 10: Wild Spartans – Migratory Fishes are Amazing!
Online
Splash into the underwater world to follow fish along their journeys with Karen Murchie, director of freshwater research at the Shedd Aquarium. Learn about her work and the education and career path she followed to get there. Ask questions and learn more through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-november

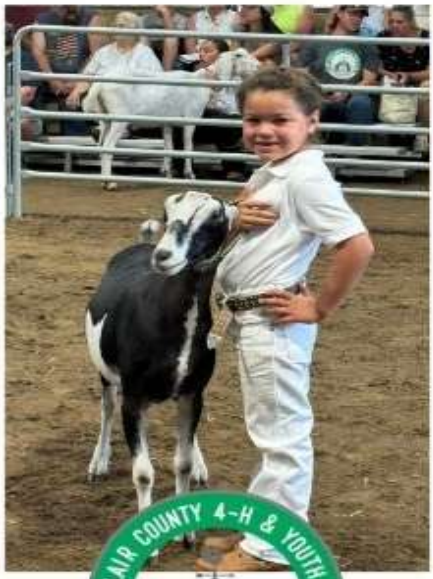
November 12: Adulting 101 – Paws, Claws and Commitment: The Realities of Animal Care
Online
Explore the true costs, responsibilities and lifestyle considerations of caring for animals—from vet bills and training to choosing the right pet for your space and schedule. Learn how to make informed decisions that honor both you and your future pet.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/realities-of-animal-care

November 17: Online Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series
Online
Explore ways to be highly effective in raising kids to be successful in school and in life with this free online series. Parents of kids from toddlers to teens will explore: developing family routines, developing emotional control in your child, being a calm assertive parent, developing consistent rules and relationships, learning from mistakes, developing empathy and the ability to be thankful.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-nov-dec-2026

November 19: 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series – Growing Money Skills through 4-H
Online
Financial skills are life skills—and they're skills youth can start growing today. Join this webinar to discover easy, engaging ways to plant financial education into your 4-H club meetings, activities and events. Participants will leave with hands-on activities, discussion starters and ready-to-use resources that help youth build money management skills while having fun. Thanks to the support of MSUFCU, randomly selected attendees will receive a free financial education resource for their clubs.
www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-growing-money-skills-through-4-h

November 27 – December 13: Fall TSC Paper Clover Campaign
Tractor Supply Co. stores statewide
Embrace the holiday spirit and purchase a paper clover at Tractor Supply Co. (TSC)! The Paper Clover campaign will officially launch on Black Friday; support 4-H youth both online or in TSC stores for just $1!
www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign





UPCOMING FAIR DATES

2026 - July 20-25
2027 - July 19-24
2028 - July 17-22
2029 - July 16-21

www.stclaircounty4hfair.org

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Learn more about how you can grow with Michigan 4-H!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_clair/4-h/index

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